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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that county recorders be elected on a
2 nonpartisan basis.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 39.17, Code 2016, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **39.17 County officers.**

4 1. There shall be elected in each county at the general
5 election to be held in the year 1976 and every four years
6 thereafter, an auditor and a sheriff, each to hold office for a
7 term of four years.

8 2. There shall be elected in each county at the general
9 election to be held in 1974 and each four years thereafter, a
10 treasurer, ~~a recorder~~ and a county attorney ~~who shall~~, each to
11 hold office for a term of four years.

12 Sec. 2. Section 39.21, Code 2016, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **39.21 Nonpartisan offices.**

15 1. There shall be elected at each general election, on a
16 nonpartisan basis, the following officers:

17 ~~1- a.~~ County public hospital trustees as required by
18 section 347.25.

19 ~~2- b.~~ Soil and water conservation district commissioners
20 as required by [section 161A.5](#).

21 ~~3- c.~~ County agricultural extension council members as
22 provided in [section 176A.6](#).

23 ~~4- d.~~ Township officers as provided in section 39.22,
24 subsection 2.

25 2. There shall be elected in each county at the general
26 election to be held in the year 2018 and every four years
27 thereafter, on a nonpartisan basis, a recorder, to hold office
28 for a term of four years.

29 Sec. 3. Section 69.14A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
30 1, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

31 A vacancy in any of the offices listed in [section 39.17](#) or
32 in the office of recorder shall be filled by one of the two
33 following procedures:

34 Sec. 4. Section 69.14A, subsection 4, Code 2016, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 4. Notwithstanding [subsections 1 and 2](#), if a nomination
2 has been made at the primary election for ~~an~~ a partisan office
3 in which a vacancy has been filled by appointment, the office
4 shall be filled at the next general election, and not at any
5 special election in the same political subdivision.

6 Sec. 5. Section 331.601, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 1. The office of recorder is ~~an~~ a nonpartisan elective
9 office except that if a vacancy occurs in the office, a
10 successor shall be elected or appointed to the unexpired term
11 as provided in ~~chapter 69~~ section 69.14A.

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EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides that county recorders shall be elected
16 on a nonpartisan basis beginning with the general election in
17 November 2018. The bill also provides that vacancies in the
18 office of recorder shall be filled in the manner provided for
19 partisan county offices.